Reservation for foreigners in IITs

1369. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some IITs in the country had sought for reservation of students and faculty seats to foreigners; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction to the demand and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Admission to undergraduate courses in IITs is open to foreign nationals and is based on the merit obtained in Joint Entrance Examination. Similarly, foreign nationals can also apply for postgraduate courses in IITs. Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) may be appointed to permanent faculty positions in IITs. However, foreign nationals (other than PIOs and NRIs) shall be appointed for fixed tenure, not exceeding five years on contract basis. The appointment shall be subject to prior approval from Government of India in each case.

Sex education in schools

1370. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sex education is being introduced from K.G. class to XII class all over the country and teachers are being trained for the said purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how much fund Government have provided for the said purpose and the source of money for the said purpose;

(d) whether Government have consulted teachers in the above matters; and

(e) if not, the reasons for introducing the said education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Ministry of Human Resource Development in collaboration with National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) has launched a programme known as Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) which is being